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FM AMEMBASSY TUNIS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6573

INFO AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OCON, SPOP, UNWPC, TS

SUBJ: WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE

REF: TUNIS 4987

1. MESRI CHEKIR, PDG OF TUNISIAN NATIONAL OFFICE FOR FAMILY PLANNING AND POPULATION (ONTFPF), CONFIRMED TO AID OFFICIALS COMPOSITION OF TUNISIAN DELEGATION TO WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE REPORTED REFTEL. HE INDICATED THAT NOMINAL HEAD OF DELEGATION, MINISTER OF HEALTH MZALI, WILL ONLY BE PRESENT FEW DAYS AND HE, CHEKIR, WILL BE DE FACTO CHIEF DURING MOST OF CONFERENCE. HE INDICATED THAT ONTFPF HEAD OF PLANNING OFFICE/MONGI BECHIR WILL PROBABLY ALSO BE MEMBER OF QUITE LARGE TUNISIAN DELEGATION.

2. WHILE CHEKIR SOMEWHAT VAGUE ON GOT POSITION TOWARD CONFERENCE, HE INDICATED GOT GENERALLY SUPPORTS STRONG PLAN OF ACTION IN REGARD TO FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAMS. HE STATED THAT GOT HAD SUPPORTED SUCH A PLAN PROPOSED BY USG AT RECENT NEW YORK MEETING AND REGRETTEED THAT A CONSIDERABLY WEAKER PLAN HAD BEEN ADOPTED AND WOULD

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PROBABLY BE BASIS FOR BUCHAREST CONFERENCE.

3. COMMENT: BELIEVE THAT U.S. DELEGATION CAN GENERALLY  
COUNT ON TUNISIAN SUPPORT FOR ANY MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN  
WORLD FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAMS. GOT HAS EMBARKED ON  
AMBITIOUS PROGRAM AND TAKEN POSITIONS ON FAMILY PLANNING  
MATTERS, INCLUDING ENACTMENT OF ABORTION LAW, CONSIDERABLY  
MORE PROGRESSIVE THAN THOSE IN MOST LDC'S. GOT PROBABLY  
WOULD FEEL LESS OPEN TO POTENTIAL DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN  
CRITICISM IF OTHER COUNTRIES ALSO SUPPORTED SIMILAR  
PROGRAMS.  
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